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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE AMERICAN WOMAN LONDON APRIL 25

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1. LONDON DELIGHTED AND MOST GRATEFUL YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK 4.15 P.M. AT EMBASSY CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN WOMAN TODAY. THIS FINAL SESSION DEVOTED TO "THE EMERGING WOMAN" WILL BE CHAIRED BY MRS. P.M.E. SPRINGMAN, OBE, CHAIRMAN-ELECT CONSERVATIVE WOMEN'S NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. ENVISAGE SPEECH (40 MINUTES PLUS Q & A) AS WRAP-UP OF CONCLUSIONS REACHED DURING DAY AND YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS PRESENT AND FUTURE OF AMERICAN WOMEN. WE ARE INVITING INTERCHANGE WITH THE AUDIENCE ABOUT BRITISH EXPERIENCE AS PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS OPEN, PRACTICAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. AMBASSADOR WILL OPEN CONFERENCE AT 10.30 A.M. SPEAKERS WILL BE DR. ADELINE LEVINE, CHAIRMAN OF SOCIOLOGY, SUNY BUFFALO ON "WOMEN AND WORK"; DR. MARION BLANK, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY, RUTGERS MEDICAL SCHOOL ON "FEMALE/FEMININE 1975"; MS. ARVONNE FRASER, PRESIDENT OF WEAL, "WOMEN AND THE LAW". WE EXPECT EMPLOYMENT WILL BE COVERED VERY THOROUGHLY BY UNCLASSIFIED

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LEVINE AND FRASER; HAVE URGED FRASER EXPOUND ON VARIETY

OF LEGISLATION BUT WOULD WELCOME MORE INPUT PARTICULARLY ON DIVORCE/ALIMONY, ABORTION, CREDIT, SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSIONS, TAX, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, CONTRACTS - BUT REALISE YOUR PREPARATION TIME MINIMAL.

- 3. HIGH-LEVEL AUDIENCE OF 180 EXPECTED INCLUDING: MPS, PEERS, JOURNALISTS, MEDICAL AND SOCIAL WORKERS, ACADEMICS, REPS OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS, ALL KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS. STRONG ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT; EQUAL EMPLOYMENT ACT GOES INTO EFFECT THIS AUTUMN, SO INTEREST KEEN.
- 4. ICS: PLEASE PASS TO MS. EAST IMMEDIATELY COPY "GUARDIAN" ARTICLE OF 13 MARCH ENCLOSED WITH COPY OF LETTER TO ARVONNE FRASER SENT TO YOU APRIL 1.
- 5. ROOM WITH BATH RESERVED EUROPA HOTEL, GROSVENOR SQUARE, LONDON WI (TEL. 493 1232) AROUND THE CORNER FROM EMBASSY. WHEN ARRIVAL TIME KNOWN WILL TRY TO ARRANGE FOR CAR TO MEET AT AIRPORT. WEATHER PRESENTLY REPEAT PRESENTLY SUNNY AND WARM; CAN GUARANTEE WARM WELCOME. MARGHERITA RENDEL (328-1095) EXPECTING YOU TO CALL FRIDAY.
- 6. EMBASSY CONTACTS ACAO JUDITH JAMISON (499 9000 EXT. 643 (HOME 629 5630) AND SUSAN JOHNSTONE EXT. 625 (HOME 828 3632).
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